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**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

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First Named Inventor or Application Identifier

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-14501. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.3. ☒ Specification Total Pages 4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Sheets 5. ☒ Oath or Declaration Total Pages a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed Statement attached deleting
inventor(s) named in the prior application, see
37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.767. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer
Program (Appendix)8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); orii. ☐ paperc. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)16. ☒ Other: Photocopy of Claim to Priority and Submission of
Additional Sheet of the Formal Drawings with one (1) sheet
of drawings

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:



Continuation



Divisional

Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. 09/793,130 filed February 27, 2001
Prior application information: Examiner Robert B. Beatty Group/Art Unit: 2852For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.**18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	21-20 =	1	X \$ 86.00 =	\$ 18.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2-3 =	0	X \$ 86.00 =	\$ 0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			\$290.00 =	\$ 290.00
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$ 770.00
			Total of above Calculations = \$,1078.00		
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				
	TOTAL =				\$1,078.00

19. Small entity status

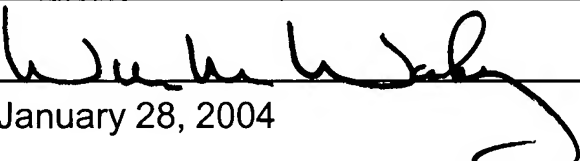
- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

20. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1,078.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

21. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the recordal fee is enclosed.

22. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1205:

- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
- c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

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In re Divisional Application of:)	
U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/793,130	:	Examiner: Unassigned
filed February 27, 2001)	
(Confirmation No.: 5677)	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL
FIGURE OF THE DRAWINGS AND SUBMISSION
OF ADDITIONAL SHEET OF THE FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the enclosed sketch of Figure 9 as an additional figure of the drawings. The sketch shows a flowchart, including Steps S1 through S4. The function of the image forming apparatus corresponding to Steps S1 through S4 is generally set forth at pages 25 through 31 of the specification.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been presented.

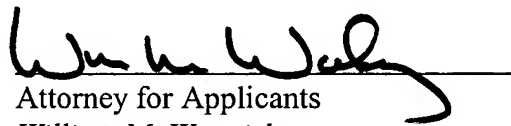
Enclosed is one (1) additional sheet of formal drawings to be substituted for the corresponding drawing sheet presently on file in the application.

This drawing was approved in Application No. 09/793,130 filed February 27, 2001, the parent of the above-identified application. The additional sheet of formal drawings was filed in the parent application on April 7, 2003, and was approved by the Examiner in a Notice of Allowability mailed April 22, 2003.

Favorable consideration hereof is requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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